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REGULATION OF ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to regulate multiple areas in entertainment industry like controlling piracy on intellectual property rights and protection, developing India as a talent hub, promoting Indian films globally and preventing restrictive trade practices; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b) This Ministry has taken the following steps in respect of the issues raised:

i) Government has been discussing the comprehensive proposed draft of Broadcasting Services Regulation Bill for electronic media with stakeholders. The proposed Bill is comprehensive in nature and would cover all issues relating to electronic media. However, the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 does not bar the application of other laws such as Cinematograph Act, 1952, Copyright Act 1957, the Trade & Merchandise Marks Act, 1958, etc. as per Section 21 of the said Act. Further the Rule 6(1)(n) and Rule 6(3) of Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 has specifically provided for carrying the programmes as per provisions of Cinematograph Act, 1952 and Copyright Act, 1957.

ii) Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion has formed an Inter-Ministerial Committee regarding issues pertaining to Intellectual Property Rights and Piracy. Similarly, Ministry of HRD also regularly holds meetings with different Ministries and stakeholders in matters of copyright. Ministry of I&B participates in such meetings.

iii) The proposal regarding designated special courts and setting up of economic offence cell dealing with piracy are being taken up with the State Government and in the meeting of sub-group constituted as per recommendation of SIMCON.

iv) This Ministry is examining an Optical Disc Law draft prepared by FICCI.

v) This Ministry is currently considering modification/ amendment of Cinematograph Act 1952.

vi) This Ministry through plan schemes like 'Export Promotion through Film Festivals in Indian and Abroad' and 'Participation in Film Market', facilitates increase of the visibility of Indian films abroad. The scheme relating to film market provides a platform for producers and buyers to interact by participating in different international film festivals/markets, viz., Cannes Film Festival/Market, American Film Festival/Market, MIPCOM, Rome Film Festival, Berlin Film Festival, etc. Film festivals provide an opportunity for interaction with the cast and crew of the film.

vii) This Ministry, through its two existing training institutes at Kolkata and Pune imparts training in film and television related areas, both creative as well as technical.